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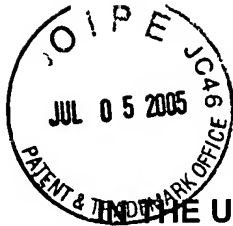
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**TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL  
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully petitioned that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Two items, Cite No. AH, U.S. Patent No. RE36,930 and Cite No. AJ, U.S. Patent No. 5,963,000 are resulting from an international search report (International Application No. PCT/US2004/030954) by a foreign patent office mailed May 4, 2005. The balance of the cited items resulted from a April 21, 2005 search at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is respectfully

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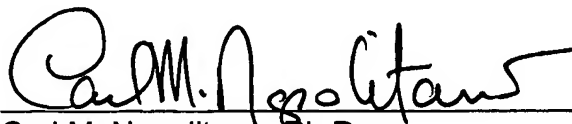
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requested that the documents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO/SB/08A) attached hereto be entered. The applicant affirms that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. In accordance with current USPTO procedures published 05AUG2003, in 1276 OG 55, copies of the U.S. patent documents cited in the form 1449A are not attached. The undersigned would be happy to provide copies of these references if requested.

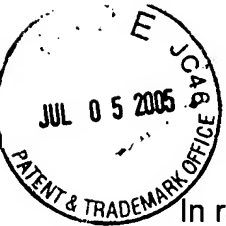
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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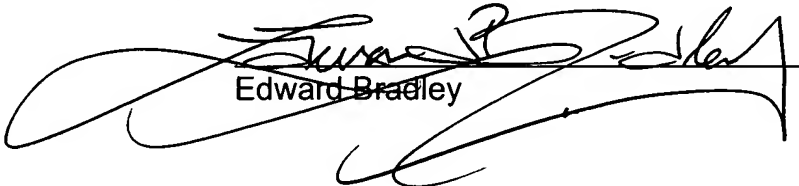
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